GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
JOINT OPERATION TO NAB VEERAPPAN
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

he progress achieved in the joint operation launched by the Special Task Force for nabbing Veerappan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

As per information furnished by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, immediately after the release of Dr. Raj Kumar, `Operation Jungle Storm-II` was launched by the Special Task Force of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, assisted by the BSF companies provided by the Central Government for nabbing Veerappan. Combined onslaught of the STF and BSF compelled Veerappan to run from his familiar terrirory to a new area namely Boluvampatti Reserved Forests in Coimbatore distt. and Walayar Reserved Forests in Palghat District of Kerala. The gang was sighted on 02.02.2001 upon which a brief encounter took place with the police party. Unable to withstand the police pressure, Veerappan and his gang escaped in the forests leaving their personal belongings. Maran, who is the Chief of TNLA and a prominent member of Veerappan`s gang was arrested by the STF on 15.02.2001 from a place called Seethaivanam in the Boluvampatti reserve forests of Coimbatore district. A massive man-hunt is on by the STF to nab the remaining fugitives.